A GUIDE

TO THE

Lord Mayor's Show

OR THE

GENTLEMAN and LADY's Companion to that magnificent Procession.

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I, A particular Account of the Origin of that great Officer the LORD MAYOR of LONDON.

II. The whole Account of the Procession, both by Land and Water.

III, An exact LIST of all the incorporated Companies of this City.

To which is added,

A particular Account of their most sacred MAJESTIES (King GEORGE II. and Queen CAROLINE) Entertainment at GUILDHALL on October 29, 1727.

With the Particulars of the Whole, and the several Sums of Money paid for that ROYAL BANQUET.

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THE LORD MAYOR of *London* is Chief and principal Magiſtrate, and the King's immediate *Locum tenens*, i. e. Lieutenant or Deputy in the City of *London*; ſo conſtituted from and before the time of *William* the Conqueror; yet going under various Denominations. That King called him by the ancient Name of *Portgrave*; which is a compound *Saxon* Word; *Port* ſignifying a City, and *Grave* a Count or Earl; ſo that Portgrave was the Earl of the City. Hence the Honour due in general to a Count, as well in the King's Preſence, as elſewhere in *London*, was due to this Officer; and in particular the Sword was

was carried before him. Afterwards the People corruptly called him *Portreeve*, which debaſeth this great Officer, *Reeve* ſignifying no more in *Saxon* than *Villicus*; i. e. *Bailiff*.

At firſt the Mayor was made tumultuouſly by all the Citizens, which occaſioned great Uproars and Diſturbances; wherefore they were choſen afterwards by ſo many of the diſcreteſt and wealthieſt Men out of each Ward, ſometimes more, ſometimes leſs; which ſelect Number was called the *Commonalty*. This Way laſted from *Edward* I. to *Edward* IV. And then after ſome time, in his Reign the Election was by the Liveries of the Companies—The firſt Commonalty, mentioned in the City Books, was made up of Two Perſons in every Ward; who were choſen by the *Good Men*, that is, the diſcreeter, wiſer, and better ſort of the Ward. Afterwards this Commonalty was increaſed to Four, then to Six, and even to Twelve; out of ſome Wards more, ſome leſs, according to the Bigneſs, as the Mayor in his Summons directed and appointed.—So great a Number as Twelve out of each of the Twenty-five Wards having been found perhaps to create Animoſities, in 20 *Edw.* III

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it was agreed, that from thenceforth ſhould come the Mayor and Aldermen, and Twelve, Eight, or Six out of every Ward, according to its Bigneſs, and they of the richeſt and wiſeſt, to chooſe a Mayor and Sheriffs. In the 15th of *Edw.* IV. by an Act of Common Council, the Maſters, Wardens, and Liveries of the ſeveral Companies were taken in to aſſiſt at the Elections; and ſo it continues ever ſince.—Of ancient times the Mayor was choſen on the Feaſt of St. *Simon* and St. *Jude*.

Controverſy often aroſe between the Aldermen and Commoners; the latter thinking that both the Nomination and Election belonged to them only. And therefore, after they had agreed in the Weſt Part of *Guildhall* (the Place where the Sheriffs are wont to hold their Courts) they would preſent One Perſon only to the Mayor and Aldermen, ſitting on the Eaſt End of *Guildhall*, viz. in the *Huſtings*. But the Aldermen oppoſed, ſaying, that they were alſo Citizens, and of the Commonalty of the City; and that it was not juſt, that they, on the account of the Prerogative of their Offices, ſhould be deprived from having a Voice in the Choice

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of the King's chief Vicegerent in the City. Hereupon it became a Cuſtom, that the Commoners (after the Cauſe of their ſummoning was declared by the Recorder) paſſed to the other End of the Hall, and nominated Two Aldermen who had been Sheriffs; and then returning, by One that was their common Mouth, preſented to the Mayor and Aldermen the Names of the Two; who going into the Upper Chamber, choſe, by Plurality of Voices in Scrutiny, One of them; and coming down to the People in the Hall, declared, by their Recorder, who was elected

After Dinner, on the Day of Election of the Lord Mayor, for ſome time afterwards, it has been uſual for the Lord Mayor Elect to go up to be preſented to the Lord Keeper or Chancellor, attended by ſome of the Aldermen and the Recorder, all in their Violet Gowns, with their proper Officers, the Recorder making the new Election known to his Lordſhip, and he returning an Anſwer highly approving their Choice.

On the Day of his Lordſhip being ſworn at *Weſtminſter* (which before the Alteration of the Stile was on the 29th of *October*) the Aldermen

Aldemen and Sheriffs attend the Lord Mayor at *Guildhall*, from whence they proceed to *Three Crane Stairs* at the Bottom of *Queen-ſtreet*, where they take Barge to *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, being attended by divers Companies in their Barges, adorned with rich Banners and Streamers, and accompanied with Bands of Water-Muſick; and after Landing at *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, the Lord Mayor and Aldermen walk round the Hall, and then proceed to the *Exchequer*, where his Lordſhip is ſworn; after which they take Barge again, and come down the River and land at *Black Friars*, and proceed in their Coaches to *Guildhall*, as follows.

The Order of the Proceſſion of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of *London*, from his Landing at *Black Friars*, thro' the City to *Guildhall*.

Captain,
Pioneers,
Lieutenant,
A led Horſe,
Servants,
Grenadiers,

First

First and Second Lieutenant,

Captain,

Music,

Two City Marshals on Horseback,

Beadle,

Music,

General,

Four Captains,

Fusileers,

Pensioners about Eighty, in Cloth Gowns and Caps, with Pikes, and Shields painted with the Arms of the preceding Lord Mayors,

Armourers and Brasiers Company, preceded by a Man on Horseback in a complete Suit of Armour, with a Plume of Feathers on his Head, and proper Attendants,

Lord Mayor's Company, preceded by their Watermen carrying several rich Silk Streamers and Flags,

Lord Mayor's led Horse,

Budge Bachelors about Forty, in Black Cloaths, with Tye Wigs, gilt Chains round their Necks, and white Wands in their Hands,

Lord

Lord Mayor Elect, in a most magnificent State Coach drawn by Six Horses with long Tails; the Servants in rich laced Liveries, Six of which walk bare-headed on each Side the Coach,

Late Lord Mayor in a State Coach,
Two Sheriffs,
Aldermen in their Coaches,
Recorder,
Town Clerk,
Chamberlain,
City Council, &c.

During the time his Lordship is gone to *Westminster*, the Companies parade about the City to their different Halls and Stands, with curious Silk Flags and Streamers.

Long Stands are erected for the different Companies in *Cheapside*, the South Side of *St. Paul's*, *Ludgate-street*, and *Fleet-street*, where the Liverymen are regaled with Wine, *&c.*

A LIST

A LIST of the incorporated Companies of the City of London, out of which the Lord Mayor is annually chosen:

1 Mercers.
2 Grocers.
3 Drapers.
4 Fishmongers.
5 Goldsmiths.
6 Skinners.
7 Merchant Taylors.
8 Haberdashers.
9 Salters.
10 Ironmongers.
11 Vintners.
12 Clothworkers.

Those marked thus * have neither Hall nor Livery; thus †, Livery but no Hall; thus §, Hall but no Livery. — No Company without a Livery has a Stand or attends the Procession on Lord Mayor's Day.

13 Dyers.
14 Brewers.
15 Leathersellers.
16 Pewterers.
17 Barber Surgeons *.
18 Cutlers.
19 Bakers.
20 Wax-chandlers.

* Surgeons of London made a separate Body July 1745.

21 Tallow-chandlers.
22 Armourers.
23 Girdlers.
24 Butchers.
25 Sadlers.
26 Carpenters.
27 Cordwainers.
28 Painter Stainers.
29 Carriers.
30 Maſons.
31 Plumbers.
32 Innholders.
33 Founders.
34 † Poulterers.
35 Cooks.
36 Coopers.
37 Tylers & Bricklayers.
38 † Bowyers.
39 Fletchers.
40 Blackſmiths.
41 Joiners.
42 Weavers.
43 Woolmen.
44 † Scriveners.
45 † Fruiterers.
46 Plaiſterers.
47 Stationers.
48 Broiderers.
49 † Upholders.
50 † Muſicians.
51 Turners.
52 * Baſketmakers.
53 † Glaziers.
54 * Horners.
55 † Farriers.
56 * Paviours.
57 Loriners
58 Apothecaries.
59 * Shipwrights.
60 * Spectaclemakers.
61 * Clockmakers.
62 Glovers.
63 * Combmakers.
64 † Feltmakers.
65 Frame Workknitters
66 * Silkthrowers.
67 * Silkmen.
68 * Pinmakers.
69 † Needlemakers.
70 * Gardeners.
71 * Sopemakers.
72 * Tin-plate-workers.
73 * Wheelwrights.
74 * Diſtillers.
75 * Hatbandmakers.
76 † Pattenmakers.
77 † Glaſs-ſellers.
78 * Toba. Pipemakers.

79 Coach-

79 Coachmakers.
80 * Gunſmiths.
81 * Gold and Silver Wiredrawers.
82 * Long Bow-ſtring makers.
83 * Cardmakers.
84 * Fanmakers.
85 * Woodmongers.
86 * Starchmakers.
87 * Fiſhermen.
88 § Pariſh Clerks.
89 * Carmen.
90 * Porters.
91 § Watermen.

It has been an antient Cuſtom (which their Majeſties upon this Occaſion are moſt graciouſly pleaſed to keep up) to honour the City with their Preſence the firſt Show after their coming to the Crown; and not only to ſee the Proceſſion at a Houſe* in *Cheapſide*, but afterwards to dine with the Lord Mayor at the *Guildhall*. The Particulars of the Entertainment of their late Majeſties, King GEORGE II. and Queen CAROLINE follow at large.

* The Kings and Queens who have honoured the City with their Preſence upon this Occaſion, have for many Years been entertained at a Linendraper's in *Cheapſide*, oppoſite *Bow Church*, now in the Occupation of Mr. *David Barclay*, a very wealthy and reſpectable Tradeſman, and one of the People called *Quakers*, who with his Father-in-law (whom he ſucceeded in the Houſe and Buſineſs) have entertained King *William*, Queen *Mary*, Queen *Anne*, King *George* I. King *George* II. and Queen *Caroline*; and will on this happy Day entertain their preſent Majeſties King GEORGE III. and Queen CHARLOTTE; an Honour that few private Perſons can boaſt off.

The following are the Persons to prepare the Entertainment at *Guildhall* this Lord Mayor's Day; *viz.*

Cooks.

Messf. *Horton* and *Birch*, the King's Table.

Warham, the foreign Ministers, and Four others.

Oswald, the Lord Mayor's, and Four others

Angel, the Lady Mayoress's and Ladies of Honour.

The other Tables, which are numerous, will be served cold.

The Confectioners are Messf. *Cuff*, *Wilder*, and *Scot*.

Butlers, *Dent* and *Foster*.

By Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, the several Barges are to be rowed from the *Three Cranes* to *Westminster* on Lord Mayor's-day, in the following Order, (being according to the Seniority of the Companies) *viz.*

1 Stationers.
2 Apothecaries.
3 Tallow-chandlers.
4 Coopers.

5 Brewers.

5 Brewers.
6 Vintners.
7 Ironmongers.
8 Merchant Taylors.
9 Skinners.
10 Goldſmiths.
11 Fiſhmongers.
12 Drapers.
13 Grocers.
14 Clothworkers.

The City Barge is to cloſe the Proceſſion,

As ſoon as the Lord Mayor is landed at *Weſtminſter*, the Companies Barges are to return, in the ſame Order, to the *Temple-ſtairs*, before the Lord Mayor lands, and begin the Proceſſion, as before deſcribed.

ACCOUNT

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MAJESTIES Entertainment

at GUILDHALL,

On the LORD MAYOR's Day.

AT a Court of Common Council held at *Guildhall* on *Thurſday* the 6th of *October*, it was unanimouſly reſolved to invite their Majeſties and the reſt of the Royal Family to Dinner on the approaching Lord Mayor's Day; and the Lord Mayor with the Two Sheriffs and the Recorder were ordered to wait upon their Majeſties accordingly, to know their Royal Pleaſure. It was alſo reſolved, That a Committee, conſiſting of Four Aldermen, viz. *Humphrey Parſons*, Eſq; *Richard Brocas*, Eſq; *John Barber*, Eſq; and Sir *John Williams*, and Eight Commoners, ſhould wait upon his Majeſty, and deſire his Leave to ſet up his Majeſty's Statue in the

Royal

Royal Exchange; and likewiſe his Majeſty's Picture, together with that of the Queen, his Royal Conſort, in *Guildhall*: Accordingly, on *Sunday* the 8th of *October*, the Lord Mayor Elect, Sheriffs, and Recorder, waited on the King and Queen with the ſaid Invitation, which their Majeſties were graciouſly pleaſed to accept; and the ſame Day the Committee appointed by the Common Council to deſire Leave to ſet up his Majeſty's Effigy on the *Royal Exchange*, and alſo for drawing and ſetting up their Majeſties Pictures in *Guildhall*, preſented the ſaid Requeſts to their Majeſties at *St. James*'s, which were graciouſly complied with. The next Day the Court of Common Council met again, and both the Lord Mayor Elect and the Committee having ſeverally made their Reports, a Committee was appointed and ordered to take Care of the Entertainment to be provided for their Majeſties on the enſuing Lord Mayor's Day, conſiſting of Eight Aldermen, *viz.* Sir *George Mertins*, *Brocas*, *Parſons*, *Child*, *Barber*, *Levet*, Sir *John Williams*, and *Alſop*; and Sixteen Commoners, *viz.* Col. *Robinſon*, Dep. *Snart*, *Everet*, *Colt*, *Farrington*,

rington, and *Brewis*; Meſſieurs *Evans*, *Preſton*, *Monk*, *Bridgen*, *Fotherby*, *Byrch*, *Thomas*, *Tims*, *Potts*, and *Tate*.

On *Friday* the 13th, the Sheriffs waited on the Princeſs Royal, and her two Siſters, the Princeſſes *Amelia* and *Carolina*, and on his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland*, to invite them alſo to the ſaid Feaſt; which their Royal Highneſſes were pleaſed to accept.

On *Monday* the 30th of *October*, Sir *Edward Becher*, Knt. Lord Mayor Elect, accompanied by the late Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, in their Scarlet Gowns, went to the Water-ſide; from whence they proceeded in the City Barge, attended by the ſeveral Companies in their reſpective Barges, to *Weſtminſter*; and having walked round the Hall, and ſolemnly ſaluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer Bar, where Mr. Serjeant *Raby* (in the Room of the Recorder) made a Speech on the Occaſion, and was anſwered by the Lord Chief Baron Sir *Thomas Pengelly*; after which the Lord Mayor took the Oaths appointed, and having recorded Warrants of Attorney in the proper Courts, returned by Water

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to *Black Friars*, and from thence to *Guildhall*, with the usual Solemnity.

The King, Queen, and Royal Family having received an humble Invitation from the City to dine at *Guildhall*, their Majesties, the Princess Royal, and her Royal Highness the Princess *Carolina*, came into *Cheapside* about Three in the Afternoon, attended by the great Officers of the Court, and a numerous Train of the Nobility and Gentry, in their Coaches, the Streets being lined from *Temple-Bar* by the Militia of *London*, and the Balconies adorned with Tapestry. Their Majesties and the Princesses saw the Procession from a Balcony near *Bow* Church. Then their Majesties and the Princesses being conducted by the Sheriffs to *Guildhall*, the Lord Mayor, at the Entrance, kneeled, and presented the Sword to the King, who was pleased to return it to his Lordship; and he carried it before his Majesty up to the Council Chamber; where Mr. Baron *Thomson* made the Compliments of the City in the following Speech:

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

THE Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of this City, beg Leave to offer their moſt humble Acknowledgments for this great Honour to the City, by the Preſence of your Majeſty, your Royal Conſort, the Princeſs Royal, and her Royal Highneſs.

Their Joy is inexpreſſible to behold their Sovereign condeſcending to accept their good Will and Affections, and in the moſt engaging Manner vouchſafing here to receive their Homage and Duty.

This Day will ever be remembered by them with the higheſt Satisfaction.---This happy Day, which gave Birth to their Moſt Gracious King, who is pleaſed thus to honour them, and who protects them in the Enjoyment of all their Rights and Privileges — A Prince who takes Pleaſure in promoting their Happineſs; and who thinks it gives the trueſt Luſtre to his Crown, to preſerve the Religion, the Laws and Liberties of his People.

Fortunate is their preſent Condition, and delightful is their Proſpect, while they have in View your Majeſty, their Moſt Gracious

and juſtly admired Queen, and the illuſtrious Branches of your Royal Family.

Permit, Sir, theſe your Majeſty's moſt faithful Subjects to take this Opportunity of aſſuring your Majeſty of their unalterable Attachment to your Royal Perſon, and of the warmeſt Zeal for the Support of your Government.

The beſt, — the only Security of our excellent Conſtitution in Church and State, and of every Thing which is dear and valuable to *Engliſhmen*. — Gratitude and Intereſt make theſe the unanimous Sentiments of this your Majeſty's moſt loyal and moſt dutiful City of *London*.

From the Council-Chamber their Majeſties and the Princeſſes went to the *Huſtings* (the Sword being carried before his Majeſty by the Lord Mayor) where their Majeſties and the Princeſſes dined, and the Ladies of the Bedchamber had the Honour to dine at the ſame Table with them. Tables were likewiſe provided for the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, Privy Counſellors, the Judges, Ladies, and other Perſons of Diſtinction. The whole Entertainment was

very

very magnificent. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, being ſeated at their Tables, and Silence being commanded, the Common Crier proclaimed aloud that his Majeſty drank to the Health of the Lord Mayor, and Proſperity to the City of *London* and the Trade thereof, and that her Majeſty drank confirming the ſame. Then Silence being again commanded, the Comon Crier proclaimed that the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, drank Health, long Life, and a proſperous happy Reign, to our Sovereign Lord King *George*. Silence being again commanded, the Common Crier proclaimed that the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, drank to the Health, long Life, and Happineſs of our Moſt Gracious Queen *Caroline*, and the Royal Family.

For the Accommodation of the illuſtrious Company fifteen Tables were erected, at the firſt whereof, upon the Huſtings, ſat their Majeſties, the Princeſſes, and the Ladies of the Bedchamber, which, together with the other Tables, were ſeverally ſerved with the following Number of Diſhes.

The Royal Table	279
One ditto for the Nobility	144
One ditto for the Foreign Miniſters	144
One ditto for the Lord Mayor and Aldermen	132
Four ditto for the Common Council	128
One ditto for the Judges and Serjeants	36
One ditto, in the Old Council Chamber, for Gueſts	36
One ditto, in the Mayor's Court, for Lady Mayoreſs and Aldermen's Ladies	48
Two ditto, in the Mayor's Court, for Ladies	76
Two ditto, in the Orphan's Court, for ditto	52
Sum Total	1075

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Besides the above-mentioned Tables there were divers others at Night for the Entertainment of Guests, the Common Serjeants, Gentlemen belonging to the Lord Chancellor and Judges, Gentlemen of the Ewry, the Sword Bearer, &c.

The several Sorts and Quantities of Wine ordered for this Entertainment, viz.

	Doz.	Bot.
Preniac	20	1
Champaigne	20	1
Burgundy	12	0
Malmsey and Madeira	10	0
Claret	167	1
Red Port	42	0
White Port	21	6
An Aulm of Moselle	13	4
Canary	5	8
Old Hock	4	0
Total	315	9

An Account of the ſeveral Sums of Money paid on account of this Royal Banquet.

	£.	s.	d.
To the King's Cook for his Aſſiſtance	10	10	0
To Leonard Pead and Bowler Miller, Cooks	1100	0	0
To Mr. Page, Confectioner	250	0	0
To divers Perſons for Wine, beſides what was returned	651	0	0
To Mr. Colt, for Knots and Cockades	42	0	0
To Meſſieurs Rite and Smith, for Work	21	0	0
To Joſeph Thompſon, for Work at Guildhall	68	0	0
To Samuel Bick, for Wax Candles	129	3	0
To Mr. Sedgwick, for lighting Guildhall	22	0	0
To Mr. Claypole, Butler, for Napkins, Knives, Forks, &c.	240	0	0
To Meſſieurs Mingay and Tomlinſon, for Cloth	24	10	0
To Eleanor Rogers, for Gloves	8	2	0
To Elizabeth Biddle and Comp. for Gold Fringe	94	7	0
To Edward Colt, for Gold Favours	52	13	0
To Mr. Remembrancer, for Attendance	26	12	0
To Elizabeth Charles, for entertaining the Horſe Grenadiers	25	0	0
To James Nelſon, for entertaining the Horſe Guards	30	0	0
To John Parker, for entertaining his Majeſty's Coaches	9	5	0

To the Clerks of the Chamber, for their Trouble in ſearching for Precedents	10	10	0
To John Stuart, for Stationary Ware	9	0	0
To Mr. Fiſher, for entertaining the Yeomen of the Compter and Officers of the Guard	16	9	0
To Samuel Bennet, on account of the Wine Cellar	10	10	0
To Mr. Weſt, Clerk to the Committee	105	0	0
To James Brown, for Work at Guildhall	107	16	0
To Ann Leigh, for entertaining his Majeſty's Coaches	14	0	0
To Richard Smith, for entertaining the Yeomen of the Guard	23	0	0
To John Shirley, for entertaining the Band of Gentlemen Penſioners	10	0	0
To Mr. Ayley, for entertaining the Sheriffs Yeomen	4	10	0
To Mrs. Berkley, for entertaining the Serjeants of the Poultry Compter	4	10	0
To Mr. Cordwell, Carpenter, for Work done in and about Guildhall	590	0	0
To Mr. Cleeve, for the Uſe of Pewter	132	0	0
To John Robins, for Work done in and about Guildhall	74	0	0
To the City Muſic	11	1	0
To George Smith, for Diſburſements and Work	20	19	0
To Mr. Holley, for entertaining the Committee and Officers of the Horſe Guards and Horſe Grenadiers	20	7	0
To Mr. Burſcough, for entertaining the Committee	4	8	0

To Edward Meakin, for entertaining the Committee	5	9	0
To Mr. Blackwell, as a Gratuity for the Artillery Company	20	0	0
To Mr. Robinſon, for attending the Committee	2	2	0
To Mr. Turner, for extraordinary Attendance of the Serjeants of the Chamber	4	10	0
To Iſaac Fryer, for Glazier's Work in Guildhall	8	14	0
To the Marſhals Men, for Attendance	1	10	0
To Thomas Naſh, for Upholſterer's Work	500	0	0
To the Concert of Muſic	100	0	0
To Daniel Collier and Mr. Shaw, Yeomen of the Chamber, for Attendance	4	0	0
To Robert Leak, for Charges at Blackwell-hall	3	0	0
To Daniel Collier, Hall-keeper, for ſundry Diſburſements	206	15	0
To Ditto's Man, for his Diligence	5	5	0
To the Clerk of the Committee's Clerk	2	2	0
To Mr. Cooper, for Coffee, Tea, &c.	48	0	0
To Mr. Walker, for attending the Committee	5	5	0
Sum Total of all the Diſburſements on account of this Royal Entertainment	£ 4889	4	0

The Concert of Muſic at this ſumptuous Banquet conſiſted of 2 Trumpets, 1 Kettle-Drum, 4 French Horns, 18 Violins, 2 Violincellos, 2 Double Baſſes, 5 Tenors, 7 Baſſoons, 6 Hautboys; in all 47.

After Dinner their Majesties had the Goodness and Condescension to return to the Council-Chamber with the Princesses, and to be present at a Ball in the Long Gallery and Rooms adjacent, till Eleven of the Clock at Night. His Majesty was graciously pleased to order a thousand Pounds to be paid into the Hands of the Sheriffs for the Relief and Discharge of poor Prisoners for Debt. Their Majesties and the Princesses returned to *St. James's* with the same State they came. The Streets were again lined by the Trained Bands; the Houses all the Way were illuminated, and the People made loud Acclamations of Joy.

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